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May 19, 2008

Carlotta Grandstaff, Chair
Ravalli County Commissioners
215 S 4th St Ste A
Hamilton MT 59840

Dear Chair Grandstaff:

This letter is to acknowledge that the Montana Department of Commerce (MDOC) has received your application requesting a construction grant from the Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP). The program received 65 construction grant applications requesting a total of approximately \$33.6 million. I have enclosed a list of the applications received by the program and the amount each has requested.

The applications will be evaluated and scored as a team by TSEP and other MDOC staff. The two TSEP engineers will be evaluating the technical aspects of your application (the preliminary engineering) and preparing a report that will be used as the basis for scoring statutory priorities #1 and #3. A draft report will be mailed to you to provide you with an opportunity to point out any misinterpretations of the facts or to identify something that the review engineer may have overlooked. However, you will not be allowed to introduce any new information that was not previously submitted with the application. One half of the reviews will be sent on July 21st and the other half will be sent on August 4th. You should ensure that your project engineer is available during this time period to review the report and provide comments. Your engineer's failure to be available to review the draft report will not be grounds for an extension of time. You and your engineer will have two weeks to review and return any comments that you may have on the review engineer's draft report. At this time we do not know which of the two dates a particular review will be mailed. If your engineer will not be available for one of the two mailings, please contact Richard Knatterud, TSEP engineer, at 841-2784 or email him at rknatterud@mt.gov, in order to arrange for the review to be sent at one or the other date (make your request no later than June 13th). You can email your comments on the draft review report to Richard or mail a computer disk with the information.

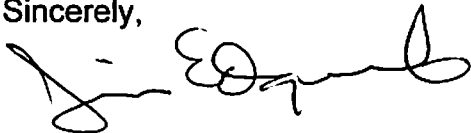
On September 8th, the ranking team will score statutory priorities #1 and #3 for the bridge applications. All of the other types of projects will have statutory priorities #1 and

#3 scored on September 9th through the 12th. A tentative schedule will be mailed to you prior to these scoring meetings. The ranking team will meet between September 15th and 19th, to score statutory priorities #4 through #7. All of these scoring sessions are open to public observation, and you and your engineer are invited to attend. However, absolutely no comments by the public are permitted during the project discussion and scoring process.

The Department's recommendations will be presented to the Governor in October. Once the Governor approves the recommendations, the results will be mailed to all applicants. The Governor's recommendations will be presented to the 2007 Legislature, where the final award decision will be determined. In the past, the Legislature has held a hearing on each application and applicants have had the opportunity to provide testimony on their project. We assume that the Legislature will continue with this practice and we strongly recommend that you plan to attend and speak on behalf of your project. More information will be sent to you around the first of the year after a hearings schedule has been determined.

My compliments to you for the hard work and commitment you have put into your TSEP application. If you have any questions about the TSEP ranking process, you can call me at 841-2785 or email me at jedgcomb@mt.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Edgcomb', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jim Edgcomb, Manager
Treasure State Endowment Program

c: David Ohnstad, County Road Supervisor
Jonathan Gass, WGM Group, Inc

Enclosure: List of TSEP Applications

TSEP Construction Grant Applications in 2008

Applicant's Name	Type of Project	Amount Requested
Beaverhead County	Bridge	\$290,668
Bigfork County Water and Sewer District	Wastewater	\$750,000
Big Sandy, Town of	Wastewater	\$500,000
Blaine County	Bridge	\$384,160
Bozeman, City of	Wastewater	\$750,000
Bridger Pines County Water/Sewer District	Wastewater	\$750,000
Broadview, Town of	Water	\$500,000
Bynum/Teton County Water and Sewer District	Water	\$567,000
Carbon County	Bridge	\$492,915
Carter Choteau County Water and Sewer District	Wastewater	\$750,000
Cascade, Town of	Water	\$625,000
Choteau, City of	Wastewater	\$500,000
Crow Tribe (for Crow Agency)	Wastewater	\$750,000
Cut Bank, City of	Water	\$500,000
Dutton, Town of	Wastewater	\$500,000
Em-Kayan County Water & Sewer District	Water	\$290,619
Eureka, Town of	Wastewater	\$625,000
Fallon County North Baker Water & Sewer District	Water/Wastewater	\$500,000
Fergus County	Bridge	\$167,200
Flathead County (for Bigfork)	Stormwater	\$625,000
Flathead County Water District #8	Water	\$500,000
Fort Smith Water and Sewer District	Water	\$500,000
Gardiner Park County Water & Sewer District	Wastewater	\$358,000
Gildford County Water and Sewer District	Wastewater	\$538,000
Gore Hill County Water District	Water	\$250,300
Granite County	Solid Waste	\$197,000
Hardin, City of	Wastewater	\$500,000
Greater Woods Bay Sewer District	Wastewater	\$732,000
Harlowton, Town of	Water	\$500,000
Homestead Acres Water and Sewer District	Water	\$573,325
Jefferson County	Bridge	\$160,690
Jette Meadows Water & Sewer District	Water	\$750,000
Judith Gap, Town of	Water/Wastewater	\$750,000
Kevin, Town of	Water	\$500,000
Laurel, City of	Water	\$625,000
Lewis & Clark County	Bridge	\$456,628
Livingston, City of	Wastewater/ Solid Waste	\$500,000
Loma County Water & Sewer District	Water	\$750,000
Madison County	Bridge	\$413,203
Melstone, Town of	Water	\$625,000
Missoula County (for Seeley Lake Sewer)	Wastewater	\$750,000
Nashua, Town of	Water	\$421,300
Philipsburg, Town of	Wastewater	\$750,000
Powell County	Bridge	\$304,248
Ravalli County	Bridge	\$137,194
Ronan, City of	Water	\$750,000
Rudyard County Water & Sewer District	Wastewater	\$319,000
Seeley Lake Sewer District	Wastewater	\$750,000
Sheaver's Creek Water & Sewer District	Wastewater	\$600,000
Shelby, City of	Wastewater	\$750,000
South Chester County Water District	Water	\$131,000
St. Ignatius, Town of	Water	\$100,000
Stevensville, Town of	Water	\$750,000
Stillwater County	Bridge	\$292,979
Sweet Grass Community County Water & Sewer District	Water	\$625,000
Sweet Grass County	Bridge	\$93,360
Troy, City of	Water	\$750,000
Upper & Lower River Rd Water/Sewer District	Water/Wastewater	\$500,000
Valier, Town of	Water	\$625,000
Whitefish, City of	Wastewater	\$500,000
Wibaux, Town of	Wastewater	\$500,000
Winifred, Town of	Wastewater	\$500,000
Wolf Creek County Water/Sewer District	Wastewater	\$750,000
Woods Bay Homesites Water/Sewer District	Wastewater	\$730,000
Yellowstone County	Bridge	\$228,754